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SUBJ: PROPOSED POLLUTION CONTROL SOLO EXHIBITION - SPRING 1976

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- 1. COMMERCIAL OFFICE NOTES PLANS (REFTEL) TO CONDUCT TRADE PROMOTION EVENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CONTROL DURING 1976. ON BASIS EXPERIENCE WITH FEBRUARY 18-20 TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR ON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND PREVIOUS PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS IN OTHER PRODUCT AREAS, WE WOULD OFFER FOLLWOING COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.
- 2. SOVIET INTEREST IN U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERIENCE IS STRONG. TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR WAS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN TERMS TECHNICAL INTEREST. COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES HOWEVER, ARE SOMEWHAT LESS CLEAR, AND WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT PAY OFF FROM TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR MAY BE SOME TIME COMING.
- 3. LARGE EXHIBITIONS IN USSR, PARTICULARLY SOLO EXHIBITIONS, ARE COSTLY AFFAIRS. EXPERIENCE WITH STANKI, FOR INSTANP, SUGGESTS THAT EVEN RELATIVELY MODEST POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT SOLO (PERHAPS 30-40 FIRMS WITH 1,500 SQUARE METERS) COULD NOT BE DONE EFFECTIVELY FOR LESS THAN \$250,000. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 4. SMALLER, MORE SPECIALIZED SEMINAR/EXHIBITS COULD BE CONDUCTED IN COMMERCIAL OFFICE AT FRACTION COST OF SOLO EXHIBITION. THESE SHOWS COULD BE QUITE NARROW IN TERMS PRODUCT SELECTION, I.E. ONE SHOW ON EQUIPMENT FOR CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION, A SECOND SHOW ON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT, ETC. IT WOUD BE POSSIBLE TO RUN ONE SUCH SHOW DURING A ONE-WEEK PERIOD, LEAVE THE NEXT WEEK OPEN FOR CHANGE-OVER, AND RUN SECOND SHOW DURING THIRD WEEK. IF SEVEN-COMPANY LIMITATION IMPOSED BY SPACE LIMITATIONS OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE MEANT THAT SOME COMPANIES WERE EXCLUDED, THERE WOULD BE EVERY POSSIBILITY TO RUN MORE THAN TWO SUCH SHOWS IF SOVIET INTEREST JUSTIFIED SUCH A PROGRAM.
- 5. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THAT OVERALL FIELD OF POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION IS PROMISING ONE FOR U.S. EXPORTS TO USSR. HOWEVER, IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE WE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST STAGING SOLO EXHIBITION AND URGE THAT SERIES OF SMALLER, SPECIALIZED EVENTS BE RUN IN COMMERCIAL OFFICE.

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